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ILLEGAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telephone exchanges have been set up illegally in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such illegal telephone exchanges which are under operation in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to stop their operation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) : During the last one year (November 2001 to October 2002) 33 cases of illegal incoming international call setups bypassing VSNL and ILD operators` networks have been detected and raided with the help of CBI/Police and the operations were stopped immediately. No illegal international call setup is in notice at present.

(c) Government is constantly reviewing and taking corrective measures to stop such misuse. Important steps taken are :

(i) Creation of dedicated CBI cells in metros for checking telecom related frauds.

(ii) Checkings at telecom exchange levels have intensified.

(iii) A close coordination between service providers and investigating agencies is maintained.